

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the following paragraphs hereby presented in clean form pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.121 (b) (1) (i) and 37 C.F.R. 1.121 (b) (1) (ii). Another version of each replacement paragraph, marked up to show all the changes relative to the previous version of the paragraph, is provided separate from this amendment pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.121 (b) (1) (iii). (See Appendix A).

At page 7, second full paragraph.

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The interface PC 26 receives the audio output signal and prepares it for transmission over the WAN back to the local computer 12. The interface PC 26 runs an audio streaming program 27, such as Real Audio by Progressive Networks, which packetizes and puts the audio signal onto the WAN for transmission to the local computer 12. The local computer 12 suitably equipped with its own soundcard 30 receives from the WAN the packetized audio from the communication to the remote modem 10. The local computer 12 is configured with a similar audio streaming program 34 that de-packetizes the audio communication received over the WAN and can "play" it as continuous time-based audio. In this manner, one can listen to the exchange of signals from the local computer 12 to the remote modem 10, over the WAN and at the local computer 12 listening station.

(Paragraph spanning bottom of page 7 and top of page 8.)

The converter 22 is additionally configured so that the connection such as described between the local computer 12 and the remote modem 10, initiated by the local machine 12, can be kept open by making a connection to a remote phone instead of a remote modem. That is, a telephone 36, as known in the art, in this embodiment is connected to the converter 22 at the telephone side of the remote modem 10. Such a connection can be made via a splitter as known in the art. The telephone 36 can be used to provide a telephone audio signal generated by someone speaking into the telephone 36. The telephone audio signal is provided to the converter 22, which in turn provides the converted audio signal to the soundcard 28 on the interface PC 26 that runs the audio streaming program 27 for transmission of the audio signal over the WAN. The interface PC 26 running the audio streaming program 27 packetizes and puts the telephone audio signal onto the WAN for transmission to the local computer 12. The local computer 12,